Dear __________________________,

(Customer name)

The produce you purchased (listed below) from ____________________________ (farm name) on _________________ (date) was grown, harvested, or packed in conditions that may or may not comply with all the provisions of the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule. This produce has not been processed to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance. To protect public health and gain compliance with the rule, this produce must be processed adequately to reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance prior to entering commerce.

Lot # __________ Description _______________________ Quantity __________
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Sincerely,

___________________________________________

(Authorized Farm Representative Name & Title)

Please attach additional pages if more lots or descriptions are needed.

In accordance with 21 CFR §112.2 of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, produce farms seeking a commercial processing exemption for covered produce, must disclose in documents accompanying the produce, in accordance with the practice of the trade, that the food is “not processed to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance”. This disclosure statement must be provided by the seller to the buyer and must be provided in documents accompanying the produce. Examples of such documents accompanying the produce may include labels, bills of lading, shipping documents, or other documents that will notify appropriate personnel. (Please note that the farm [seller] must keep a record of all disclosures made. An appropriate record may include a ledger of all shipments with an example disclosure document or copies of the original shipping document containing the disclosure statement).
Buyer Written Assurance Statement
(Produce Safety Rule Processing Exemption Documentation)

PSR Required (if Applicable) | FSMA PSR Reference § 112.2 | Frequency: Annual
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For Produce that is Commonly Consumed Raw

PROCESSING ASSURANCE STATEMENT

Dear ____________________,

(Grower name)

I certify that all produce intended for commercial processing purchased from ____________________________ (farm name) will be processed and/or handled in accordance to the requirements outlined in 21 Code of Federal Regulations 112.2 (b).

I certify that ___________________________________ (buyer business name) has established and is following procedures (listed below) that adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance; or that the aforementioned produce will be sold to a subsequent entity in the distribution chain that has agreed in writing to process the produce to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance. Disclosures and annual written assurances that are required when selling the aforementioned produce to a subsequent entity in the distribution chain will be provided and obtained.

Procedure used to process produce: ______________________________________

Sincerely,

______________________________________________________

(Authorized Representative Name & Title)

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(Authorized Representative Signature & Date)

In accordance with 21 Code of Federal Regulations §112.2 of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, produce farms seeking a commercial processing exemption for covered produce, must annually obtain a written assurance from the buyer that the produce was processed to adequately reduce the presences of microorganisms of public health significance or that the produce was sold to another entity in the distribution chain that certifies to adequately process the produce to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance. The written assurance must meet the requirements as specified in 21 Code of Federal Regulations §112.2 (Please note that the farm must keep a record of all written assurances).